

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original) A brush with a multi-colored brush handle comprising:

a tuft of bristles;

a ferrule attached to the tuft of bristles; and

a transparent brush handle attached to the ferrule; and

at least one chamber contained within the transparent brush handle that substantially extends through a length of the brush handle, the chamber containing a colored material that is visible through the transparent brush handle.

Claim 2 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein at least one chamber comprises a plurality of vertical chambers, each having a separate axis.

Claim 3 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the chamber has a plurality of segments contained therein, each segment extending a full length of the chamber.

Claim 4 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the colored material comprises a colored epoxy resin.

Claim 5 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the colored material comprises a colored rod inserted into the chamber.

Claim 6 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the chamber has a helical contour.

Claim 7 (original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the chamber has a cylindrical geometrical cross-sectional area.

Claim 8 (original) A transparent brush handle comprising a plurality of chambers contained within the transparent brush handle that substantially extend through a vertical length of the brush handle, each of the chambers containing a colored material that is visible through the transparent brush handle.

Claim 9 (original) The transparent brush handle according to Claim 8, wherein each of the chambers is cylindrical and has a separate axis.

Claim 10 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the chambers comprise segments within a single cylindrical passage, each segment extending the length of the passage.

Claim 11 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein each of the chambers comprises a pie-shaped member having two straight sides in common with adjacent ones of the chambers and a curved side that joins the other chambers to form a cylinder.

Claim 12 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the colored material comprises a colored epoxy resin.

Claim 13 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the colored material comprises a colored rod inserted into the chamber.

Claim 14 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the chamber has a cylindrical geometrical cross-sectional area.

Claim 15 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the transparent brush handle comprises a solid handle constructed from polystyrene.

Claim 16 (original) The transparent brush handle according to claim Claim 8, wherein the transparent brush handle comprises a hollow brush handle.

Claim 17 (original) A transparent brush handle comprising a chamber contained within the transparent brush handle that substantially extends through a vertical length of the brush handle, the chamber being vertically partitioned into at least two segments with each segment containing a different colored material that is visible through the transparent brush handle.

Claim 18 (original) A transparent brush handle according to Claim 17, wherein the colored material comprises a colored epoxy resin.

Claim 19 (original) A transparent brush handle according to Claim 17, wherein the chamber has a helical contour.

Claim 20 (new) A method of forming a multi-colored brush handle comprising the steps of:

(a) molding a transparent material to form a substantially cylindrical body with at least one chamber contained within the cylindrical body;

(b) filling the at least one chamber with at least one colored material;

(c) sealing the at least one colored material within the chamber; and

(d) finishing a bottom of the cylindrical body to remove any visual defects.

Claim 21 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the step of molding a transparent material includes molding a material comprising polystyrene.

Claim 22 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the step of molding a transparent material includes forming a substantially cylindrical body having a plurality of vertical chambers, each having a separate axis.

Claim 23 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the colored material comprises a colored epoxy resin.

Claim 24 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the colored material comprises a colored rod inserted into the chamber.

Claim 25 (New) The method of forming a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the step of molding a transparent material to form a substantially cylindrical body includes molding the transparent material with a through-hole located at a bottom of the cylindrical body to minimize core displacement during molding.

Claim 26 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the step of sealing the at least one colored material within the cylindrical body includes filling a bottom of the cylindrical body with an epoxy resin material to secure the colored material within the cylindrical body.

Claim 27 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 20, wherein the at least one chamber has a helical contour.

Claim 28 (New) A method of forming a multi-colored brush handle comprising the steps of:

(a) molding a transparent material to form a substantially cylindrical body with a plurality of chambers contained within the cylindrical body, the chambers comprise segments within a single passage, each segment extending a length of the passage;

(b) filling the plurality of chambers with at least one colored material;

(c) sealing the at least one colored material within the chamber; and

(d) finishing a bottom of the cylindrical body to remove any visual defects.

Claim 29 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 28, each chamber having a pie-shaped member having two straight sides in common with adjacent ones of the chambers and a curved side that joins the other chambers to form a cylinder.

Claim 30 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 28, wherein the colored material comprises a colored epoxy resin.

Claim 31 (New) The method of forming a brush with a multi-colored brush handle according to Claim 28, wherein the colored material comprises a colored rod insterted into the chamber.